AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

This invention relates to a cutting or crushing implement. Preferably the ~~pre:~~ present invention may be adapted to provide a cutting or crushing implement which can be ~~att~~ attached to and actuated by an excavator or other types of driving or earth working machinery. Those skilled in the art should appreciate however that other applications are envisioned for this invention and reference to the above applications only throughout this specification ~~she~~ should in no way be seen as limiting.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

In some instances there is a need to cut a length of material into a number of small, shortened portions. For example, in demolition or construction work, there is ~~sometime~~ sometimes the need to cut long lengths of resilient material such as reinforcing steel into a ~~numb~~ number of smaller lengths. In the case of demolition work a large tangled mass of reinforcing steel remains after a concrete structure has been demolished. To dispose of these ~~length~~ lengths of steel it is preferable to cut it into a large number of small pieces which can more easily be handled and/or transported and/or melted down than the original mass.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

Cutting long lengths of material into smaller lengths, in effect, increases the overall density of the collected cut material, in that there is less air in the volume occupied ~~b~~ by the material. By increasing its density this allows the material to be handled, transported ~~ar~~ and disposed of both quickly ~~an~~ and inexpensively.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

One existing approach used to cut down such material is through the provision of a guillotine arrangement driven by some form of pneumatic or hydraulic ram. A length of the steel or other material to be cut is pulled or ~~pushed mrough~~ pushed through the guillotine jaw and ~~th~~ the jaw is driven through the steel to complete the cut required. However, there are a ~~numb~~ number of problems associated with the use of this type of apparatus. Specifically, only a ~~sine~~ single cut can be made for each pass of the blade which can in turn slow down the ~~eu~~ cutting process. Furthermore, it can be difficult to manoeuvre portions of a bent mass of steel through the guillotine jaws provided, which again can complicate and slow down cutting work.